



## Community News

### Hayashi Co-Authors Bill (AB 576) To Protect Historic African – American Town and State Park



California will celebrate the centennial of the historic town of Allensworth in 2008. Located in Tulare County, 40 miles north of Bakersfield, Allensworth is the only town in California to be founded, financed and governed by African Americans. In its heyday it was a place where African Americans could own property, send their children to school, and live the American Dream. The town flourished until Colonel Allensworth was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1914.

Although the town of Allensworth exists no longer; it has been restored into an historical state park to preserve the cultural and historical significance of this early African American settlement.

Today, Allensworth faces a new threat by local farmers. The County of Tulare has recently approved a permit to allow a 12,000 Holstein dairy cow project to be built within 1,001 feet of Colonel Allensworth State Historical Park. This will create an intolerable and foul-smelling environment that will prevent guests from visiting. Assemblymember Hayashi has co-authored AB 576 (Carter) to establish a 2.5 mile buffer zone around the park's boundary from any new animal feeding operation so that future generations can learn first-hand the history of our great state.

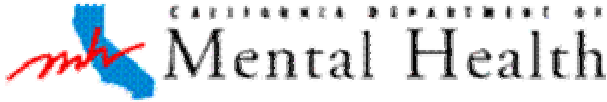
### Assemblymember Hayashi Will Hold the First Select Committee on Community Colleges Hearing

Assemblymember Hayashi has been appointed by Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez as the Chair of the Select Committee on Community Colleges. The select committee will focus on wide range of important issues including part-time faculty, the need to educate more health care providers, and workforce development programs.



On Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Assemblymember Hayashi will hold the first committee hearing at the State Capitol commencing at 11:00 a.m. to address the role of part-time faculty in providing quality education at California's Community Colleges, the challenges faced by Community Colleges and part-time faculty, and working solutions and changes for the future. For more information, please go to [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi).

### **\$60 Million Student Mental Health Initiative Approved for California Schools**



As a commissioner on the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, Assemblymember Hayashi announced a four year, \$60 million mental health initiative that would expand suicide and violence prevention programs at schools and colleges throughout California. This is the first formal response to address mental health issues at California schools after a lone gunman, who suffered from mental illness, killed 32 students and teachers at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, VA. Assemblymember Hayashi hopes the grants will bridge the gap between the initial onset of mental illness and treatment. Of the \$60 million, higher education institutions would receive \$34 million and K-12 schools will receive \$26 million.

### **Four Additional Hayashi Bills Pass the Assembly and Move to the Senate**

- AB 509 passed the Assembly with bipartisan support on a vote of 67 to 12. The bill would create the Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) under the Department of Mental Health. Modeled after the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, OSP would devise a comprehensive and integrated approach to reducing the loss and suffering from suicide and suicidal behaviors on a statewide basis. Currently, California does not have a state agency that coordinates suicide prevention efforts. OSP would serve in that role by working with community health care partners to research and develop successful prevention strategies. Additionally, it would report the extent of the problem and the effectiveness of various prevention measures it advocates for periodically to the legislature and the public.
- AB 834 would expand the California Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program that provides much needed preventative dental care to low-income school children. It passed on June 5, 2007 with a 78-0 vote. Tooth decay is the number one preventable chronic health problem of children. According to the 2003 Health Interview Survey, it is estimated that nearly 500,000 children in California missed school in 2003 due to dental problems.
- AB 1226, which streamlines the process to qualify doctors as Medi-Cal providers, passed on June 6, 2007 with a vote of 76 to 0. AB 1226 will address the shortage of doctors approved to serve Medi-Cal patients and increase access to health care for California's working families.
- AB 1370, a bill jointed authored with Speaker Pro Tem Sally Lieber (D – Mountain View) and Assemblymember Gene Mullin (D – S. San Francisco), successfully passed the Assembly with a bipartisan vote of 79 to 0. This legislation extends the deadline for biotechnology companies to use Net Operating Loss Credits. Current California law allows biotechnology companies to carry forward losses for 10 years. The product cycle of biotechnology is lengthy and costly. Biotechnology companies, on average, invest \$400 million in the first 15 years developing their products. In year 11 biotechnology companies are left with losses that are now unusable. This large financial burden will handicap companies that have worked hard and invested millions to bring a product to the market. AB 1370 will extend the deadline for net operating loss credits from 10 to 20 years.

## Hayashi Named “Legislator of the Year” by Neuropathy Action Foundation



On June 26<sup>th</sup>, Assemblymember Hayashi will be honored as “Legislator of the Year” by the Neuropathy Action Foundation (NAF) in San Francisco. NAF raises awareness among the general public that neuropathy (disease of the nerve) is a serious, widespread and disabling condition, and that with the appropriate medical care it is treatable.

Hayashi serves as a member of NAF’s Advisory Board and has been advocate and supporter of NAF’s mission to educate the public on neuropathy and to help neuropathy patients obtain access to medications and treatment. Most recently, Assemblymember Hayashi has called on the United States Congress to enact legislation that protects patient access to these life saving treatments on a national scale.

## Construction of New BART Station for West Dublin/Pleasanton Begins - Lanes to Shift on Interstate 580



Officials at BART have announced that construction on the new West Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station will cause lane reconfiguration for Interstate 580. The ultimate goal of this lane reconfiguration is to widen the inner shoulder of I-580 so construction crews will have more room to build the new station in the middle of the freeway.

The new station, yet to be named, will be the first station built in accordance to “smart growth.” The new station will include 1,200 parking spaces, 210 housing units, office space and a hotel. The station will be located in the median of I-580 near Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton, between the Castro Valley and Dublin/Pleasanton stations.

## Hayashi Celebrates Ground Breaking of New Burbank School and Cannery Park with City of Hayward, HARD, HUSD, and State DTSC



Residents of Hayward will soon enjoy a brand new elementary school and expanded Cannery Park, as part of the Downtown Hayward Redevelopment Project, thanks to the City of Hayward, Hayward Area Recreational District (HARD), Hayward Unified School District, and the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

From March 2005 to February 2007, the DTSC oversaw the investigation and cleanup of contaminated soils at the former site of the Hunts/Wesson Cannery. More than 1,725 cubic yards of impacted soil was excavated and disposed.

The new Burbank Elementary School and joint-use park, controlled by HARD, are currently under construction and scheduled to open in the Fall of 2008. The school will feature 30 new classrooms and accommodate 936 Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Congratulations Hayward!

## Tax Refund? Homeowner and Renter Assistance Program – Filing Season Begins July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ends October 15, 2007



**Homeowners:** Homeowner assistance is a once a year payment from the State of California of a percentage of the property taxes the county assesses and requires you to pay on your home. The amount a claimant may be eligible for ranges from \$19.72 to \$472.60.

**Who is eligible for homeowner assistance?** You may be eligible to file a 2007 claim for homeowner assistance if you were one of the following on December 31, 2006: 62 years of age or older, Blind, Disabled **And you meet all of the following requirements:** You owned and lived in your own home on December 31, 2006.

You had a total household income of \$42,770 or less in 2006. You are a United States citizen, or a designated alien or qualified alien when you file your claim.

**Renters:** Renter assistance is a once a year payment from the State of California of a portion of the property taxes that you pay indirectly when you pay your rent. The amount a claimant may be eligible for ranges from \$15.00 to \$347.50.

**Who is eligible for renter assistance?** You may be eligible to file a 2007 claim for renter assistance if you were one of the following on December 31, 2006: 62 years of age or older, Blind, Disabled **And you meet all of the following requirements:** You lived in a qualified rented residence in California in 2006. You paid \$50 or more rent per month on that residence. You had a total household income of \$42,770 or less in 2006. You are a United States citizen, or a designated alien or qualified alien when you file your claim.

For More Information – [Click Here](#).

## Summer Free Film Festival for Kids at Chabot Theatre in Castro Valley



Looking for a family fun activity this summer? Chabot Theatre in Castro Valley, where Assemblymember Hayashi held her Tinsel Town Hall in March, is providing a Free Film Festival for Kids every Wednesday starting at 10:00 a.m. all summer long!

The theatre will show great movie titles such as Charlotte's Web, Barnyard, Flicka, and Over the Hedge. For more information, go online to <http://www.cineluxtheatres.com/> and click on "Summer Free Film Festival" for show times and dates.

## Upcoming Events

### Hayashi Speaks About Health Care Reform in California



Date: Friday, June 22, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Westminster Hills Presbyterian Church, 27287 Patrick Avenue, Hayward, CA

Topic: Healthcare for Californians hosted by the Hayward Democratic Club

### Hayashi Hosts an ID Theft Workshop – How to Protect Yourself



**Date:** Friday, July 20, 2007

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Alameda County Offices  
6689 Owens Drive, Suite 100  
Pleasanton, CA 94588

Topics include:

- ID Theft: How to Protect Yourself
- Latest ID Theft Crimes and Law Enforcement Actions
- How to Protect Your Privacy Online
- How to Protect Your Kids Online

Speakers Include:

- Ms. Joanne McNabb, Director of the [California Office of Privacy Protection](#)
- Ms. Nanette Madsen, Deputy Director of Department of Consumer Affairs and Head of the [www.Cybersafety.org](http://www.Cybersafety.org) Program for California
- Detectives from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office

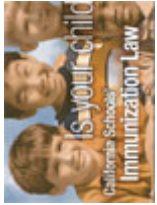
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### New Publication Available

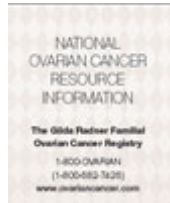


Diabetes Guide

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Child Immunization Law



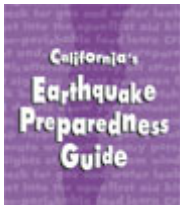
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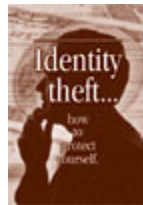
High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Over the next few weeks, copies will be made available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

## State Resources Website



Tired of waiting at toll booths and want to sign up for FasTrak? Find it and 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, [and](#) how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the [State Resources Websites](#) link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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